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According to Guardian, self-styled Independent Radical News-weekly, besides the recent proliferation of underground and movement newspapers, another burgeoning segment of the news media has been the appearance in black communities across the country, of hundreds of small, locally written and produced newspapers. These communities are no longer content with what they deem to be inadequate and insensitive treatment from the white press, or compromising sensational treatment from the old black outlets. With few exceptions, these papers are run by black men in their twenties and were made possible by the big increase of low cost, non-union, offset printing houses.

"These newspapers were conceived to accomplish four major goals: to legitimate a certain point of view; to communicate that point of view to all people in the black community; to foster unity among the various black groups in the area; to suggest and at times initiate action to effect political, economic, and other changes.

"The man who puts out a newspaper inherits a power to define events in his own terms, with an amount of guaranteed credibility.

"The young black men who operate these papers have decided that they will be doing that defining - at least for their own communities - and not the white papers downtown.

"All of the papers sacrifice so-called professionalism to sincerity and community relevance.

"The various non-Chicago, Illinois, papers are much more closely connected with white student activists than the Chicago ones.

"One of the developments that have occurred in the black community since the creation of these papers, in Chicago at least, has been the increasing militancy of the Defender, the Courier, and the Gazette - the traditional black papers.

"In the smaller cities and towns of Illinois, the new black press is the only black press. Their existence is much more precarious than their city counterparts, since they are more of a threat to the local establishments because of their immediate impact on the small towns.

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"Conceivably, the white establishment press will begin to notice these papers and put money in with the idea of having a future source of cheaply-trained black journalists to fill their rising quotas.

"Whether the money is there or not, these papers are just beginning their big boom. Similar papers exist in Albany and Syracuse, N. Y.; Houston, Texas; and Los Angeles, California, and will probably pop up everywhere there is a black community larger than a city block. The downstate Illinois papers think it would be great to have a newspaper in every high-rise building in every city. The cost is low enough, the need for communication is there, and undoubtedly, there is a black man there willing and able to take on the minimal amount of work involved."

The Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J., has recently concluded a survey of the impact of the "Radical Left," on the college campus. Since ETS conducted a similar survey in 1965 several interesting trends and conclusions can be identified. Eight hundred and sixty(four-year)college campuses were surveyed during the recent study.

Conclusions:

1. Though the number of radical left organization on U. S. college campuses (principally the SDS) has doubled since the 1965 study (26% to 46% of campuses surveyed), membership remains about constant (2% of total U. S. enrollment of 6.7 million).
2. An additional 8 to 10% of college students are considered sympathetic to the "movement for social change" and can be temporarily activated, depending on the issue.
3. The most frequently protested issues during the present study were Vietnam; dormitory rules, civil rights and student participation in college government, in that order. In 1965 the leading issues (in order) were: civil rights, campus food and Vietnam.
4. Civil rights activism has declined significantly. White student activists appear to be leaving the continuing civil rights battle to Negro activists.
5. American policy in Vietnam, the matter of greatest concern to protesters in the recent study, involved only about 5% of the students on the eight hundred and sixty campuses surveyed.

Though present radical left dissent is still a minority phenomenon the impact is regarded large concludes the survey.

Joan BAEZ, folksinging political activist of international note seems to be mellowing. The image has changed and the long hair

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has disappeared as well as the bizarre mode of dress. In a recent press interview she termed the Democratic Convention demonstrations in Chicago "really filthy." She disavows the Black Panther militant philosophy, and thinks "the Panthers are getting away with murder." Miss BAEZ labels student demonstrations on college campuses "downright silly" and "irrelevant." "There might be a time and a reason for campus demonstrations but I haven't seen it yet." The only "in" thing believes Miss BAEZ is resistance to the draft which is the beginning of the end of armies.

Miss BAEZ's husband David HARRIS former Stanford University student body president and co-founder of the RESISTANCE, a nation-wide anti-draft movement continues active. HARRIS is currently appealing a three-year prison sentence for refusing induction into the army.

Free Campus, described as a non-political, non-partisan organization, has been formed at the University of California, Santa Barbara - dedicated to combat political extremists on the campus by enlisting the support of the "rational, serious majority of students"- who believe that changes on campus should be brought about through the established due process.

#### CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

"Asterisked" items are either being reported for the first time or contain additional or changed information on previously reported activities.

\*Soviet plans for a meeting of Communist Parties in Moscow next year ran into further delays in Budapest 20 November at a conference of sixty-seven world parties.

Several delegations expected that a Hungarian compromise proposal to hold another preparatory meeting in Moscow in March to plan for a Communist conference would win general backing. But throughout the day more delegates sought the right to speak on the Hungarian and other proposals and the conference was expected to continue for at least another day.

The debates during the last three days appear to have produced three groupings: the Moscow-led group that wishes to fix a firm date early next year; those who think more time is needed to heal bitterness caused by the Czechoslovakian invasion; and those who believe a meeting should be held after 1969.

At a conference of the Black Panther Party attended last weekend in San Francisco by people from throughout the U. S., Bobby SEALE, national chairman, talked of D-day and #1 day, when the BPP is going to strike all over the country at the same time.. Actual targets were not revealed.

Expansion into more cities continues as does the acquisition of firearms. Activity and statements of BPP leaders and members seems to be getting increasingly militant and violent. It is rumored that Eldridge CLEAVER will be spirited out of the country rather than permit his return to jail on November 27.

On 20 November, California's highest court refused to hear an appeal by CLEAVER from a lower court decision that revoked his parole from a state prison. The effect of the action was that the BPP leader will have to return to state prison Wednesday as a parole violator. CLEAVER's defense attorney said he would appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

- November 15-Dec. 25 \*Mobile, Alabama - The Mobile County Civil Rights Movement (MCCM) and the Neighborhood Organized Workers (NOW) announced plans for a "Black Christmas" and a "gift-buying boycott" of white merchants until Christmas - protesting the unfair hiring practices of downtown merchants.
- November 23-27 \*Ft. Bragg, North Carolina - The Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) from the Durham-Chapel Hill area plans to hold anti-war activities. Plans indicate some 30-40 students from Duke and the University of North Carolina will attempt to contact and distribute literature to military personnel - with the John F. KENNEDY Special Warfare Center the primary target.
- November 24 St. Louis, Missouri - The New Democratic Coalition - dissidents whose protests splintered the Democratic Party before the election - plan to meet to prepare for a national "founding conference" in March 1969 - to organize to fight for control of the party.
- November 25 \*Concord, New Hampshire - Approximately 100-500 persons are expected to demonstrate in protest of welfare payments and benefits. The sponsor is reported to be affiliated with the Poor People's Campaign and the New Hampshire Committee for Peace in Vietnam.
- November 25 \*New York City - The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship is sponsoring its annual November celebration, this one a Rally for Peace and Friendship at Town Hall to celebrate: 35th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations USA-USSR; and 51st Anniversary of the Founding of the Soviet Union. Soviet and American speakers and entertainment.
- November 25-Dec. 2 The National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO), a militant "welfare rights" group which claims 30,000

members in seventy cities has proclaimed this period as "national get it week." The highlight will be Thanksgiving Day, November 28, when welfare recipients will stage demonstrations to say "No thanks, America" for the inadequate dole they get.

NWRO announced a December "spend-the-rent" campaign in which welfare clients would keep their rent money to spend on basic needs not covered in their relief checks.

November 27

\*Northridge, California - The Brown Berets, BPP, Black Student Union, and SDS have scheduled a "Free Speech" rally in the area of San Fernando State College.

November 28

South Bend, Indiana - The National Student Association Convention on White Racism is scheduled on this date. The University of Maryland formed a Campus Coalition Against Racism (CCAR) in early October. The research that will emanate from the CCAR will be used to represent the University of Maryland at the NSA Convention.

December 1968

\*Author Norman MAILER, will appeal his conviction on charges of unseemly and disorderly conduct during the October 1967 peace march on the Pentagon. Sentenced to five days in jail by a U. S. Commissioner, the appeal will be to the 4th U. S. Court of Appeals.

November 29-Dec. 1

A Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam will apparently meet in Montreal to develop coordination against U. S. intervention in Vietnam and the Americas.

November 29-Dec. 1

Chicago, Illinois - The Young Socialist Alliance (youth section of the Socialist Workers Party) has called for a national convention of Revolutionary Socialists over the Thanksgiving weekend.

December 1-5

Princeton, New Jersey - It can be anticipated that the U. S. A. will be soundly chastised as well as praised when more than eighty leading intellectuals from throughout the world will gather at the Institute for Advanced Studies to assess many of the problems that will confront the next American President.

Plans for the five-day seminar on "The U. S. - Its problems, Impact and Image in the World" were to be announced on 28 October in London and in Paris by Shepard STONE, President of the International Association for Cultural Freedom. The Association is a private organization of scholars, writers, and men of public affairs that is receiving financial support from the Ford Foundation.

December 2

\*Mark RUDD, leader of the student rebellion at Columbia University last spring is scheduled for a pre-induction physical examination. RUDD, head of the Columbia Chapter of the SDS and outspoken Vietnam War protester has appealed his 1-A classification on the grounds that he is a "revolutionist." Demonstrations in support of RUDD's draft resistance stance can be anticipated.

December 2

Oakland, California - The April 6, 1968, "Shoot-out Crowd" of the Black Panther Party have had their trial set for 2 December. Eldridge CLEAVER, Minister of Information of the BPP is one of the six defendants. All pleaded innocent to a variety of charges stemming from the shoot-out with the Oakland Police Department in Oakland.

December 3

\*Jerry RUBIN, Youth International Party (YIPPIE) leader, accused of soliciting mob action during the Democratic National Convention last August will be tried in criminal court (Chicago). Sympathy demonstrations during the trial are probable. On 18 November RUBIN was ordered to remain in Illinois until his trial.

December 5

\*New York City - The GUARDIAN, self-styled independent radical newspaper, holds its 20th anniversary celebration at the Fillmore East.

GUARDIAN says - "Some of the best known figures on the radical left will join in celebrating the GUARDIAN's 20th birthday in New York, Thursday, December 5. It promises to be one of the most politically important meetings of the year."

Speakers include: H. Rap BROWN, former Chairman of SNCC; Herbert MARCUSE, Professor at University of California; and Carl OGLESBY, former President of SDS.  
Chairman of the meeting: Bernadine DOHRN, SDS organizational secretary.  
Entertainment: Pete SEEGER.

Acting General Manager William ROSE will speak on behalf of the GUARDIAN. He will discuss the GUARDIAN's role in the development of an effective radical movement and his experiences in Cuba and No. Korea, from which he recently returned.

November 21

\*San Francisco, California - On the West Coast, GUARDIAN's 20th birthday will be celebrated at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. Speakers include Eldridge CLEAVER, Minister of Information of the BPP, and the GUARDIAN's William ROSE. They will discuss: "Revolution: the U. S. and the Third World." ROSE will speak on his recent

trip to No. Korea and will show a film, "The Pueblo and Its Crew."

December 7 and 8

Task Force - the underground newsrag published in San Francisco - aimed at servicemen and veterans - carried a notice in its October 25 edition calling for GI actions December 7 and 8: "1. Organize - teach-ins, rallies, marches, discussions, GI dinners, etc. 2. Contact - Local vets, student anti-war groups for assistance. 3. Write - P. O. Box 31268, San Francisco, 94131, so we can inform you of what's happening around the country."

December 8

Tacoma, Washington - The GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace is planning a GI march for December 8, which it hopes will attract 5,000 demonstrators.

December 9

\*Although the trial of Sirhan B. SIRHAN, accused of murdering Robert F. KENNEDY, is scheduled to begin December 9, it probably will be postponed until after the first of the year. A hearing is scheduled for the week of November 24 and it is expected that Defense Attorney Russell E. PARSONS will ask for a continuance on the grounds that another attorney coming into the case is still engaged in another trial and will need time to study the SIRHAN case.

December 13

New York City - The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee annual Bill of Rights dinner is scheduled for the Americana Hotel. The NECLC is the old ECLC rejuvenated with a new name. The old ECLC was cited as a Communist Front in 1956 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and in 1959 by HCUA. Featured speakers will be: Dr. Benjamin SPOCK and Dick GREGORY.

Corliss LAMONT is chairman of NECLC.

December 21

\*Washington, D. C. - The HCUA subcommittee after holding three days of open hearings into the conduct and connection of some groups and individuals in the DNC disorders is in recess until 21 December. Five of the seven witnesses subpoenaed have not been heard and are expected to return. They are David DELLINGER, Rennie DAVIS, Tom HAYDEN, Jerry RUBIN, and Abbie HOFFMAN. Robert GREENBLATT of the NMC and Dr. David YOUNG of the Medical Committee for Human Rights who testified that week were released from their subpoenas but could be summoned back.

Abbie HOFFMAN was convicted in D. C., November 20, of defiling the American Flag by wearing a shirt that looked like one during a Capitol Hill demonstration on

3 October. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve thirty days in jail. Execution of the sentence was deferred pending an appeal.

January 1969

Guerrilla, an underground publication, recently proposed that in January 1969, independent revolutionaries hold a "Congress for Cultural Revolution."

"The Congress should be organized to include the independent revolutionary media, various representatives of the underground communities, and other independent revolutionary organizations and individuals who are interested in total cultural revolution whether they be activists, anarchists, poets and artists, or socialists.

(1) The red and black should attempt to formulate a broad program of cultural revolution which includes an analysis of the tasks facing cultural revolutionaries from the point of view of the ecology, morphology and cybernetics as well as from the more traditional revolutionary informations.

(2) Polarize the underground. The CIA and other intelligence agencies have begun to consciously infiltrate the cultural revolution via grants, fake poetry projects, magazines and the usual fronts. Guerrilla believes it is necessary to name and define the counter-cultural revolution so that a conscious federation of cultural revolution may be built.

(3) The Congress should attempt to formulate its own 4-year plan of cultural revolution. Social revolution as a weapon of cultural revolution.

Those interested in helping to organize a national CONGRESS FOR CULTURAL REVOLUTION may write GUERRILLA."

January 3, 1969

Washington, D. C. - Prior to Election Day, the NMC had announced its intention to produce follow-up protests. One is scheduled for 3 January if the Electoral College fails to give a majority to any candidate and the choice of President is placed in the hands of the House of Representatives, or for Inauguration Day, 20 January if the "peace" movement believes the new President will refuse to change policies regarding U. S. involvement in Vietnam. It would seem that the January 3 protest will be cancelled as NIXON appears assured of an electoral majority.

January 3, 1969

Included in the new program allegedly adopted by the NMCEWVN (Chairman David DELLINGER) at a September 14



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administrative committee meeting in D. C. - "Rally supporters to pressure the new House of Representatives on 3 January and the new President at his inauguration 20 January 1969.

January 18

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - The Black Liberation Alliance, formed October 18-20 at Columbus, Ohio, by 50 dissatisfied members of CORE from five states will hold its first convention. Temporary officers were elected at Columbus. It was decided that the organization will strive for basic social, economic, and political change in the U. S. A. rather than reform. It will seek racial separation, black nationalism, and the formation of a separate black nation within the boundaries of the U. S.

January 18, 19 & 20

\*Washington, D. C. - This period, Saturday through Monday, appears earmarked for considerable activity by various dissident groups who intend to use the Inaugural ceremonial functions as a means to publicize their organizations and causes. As during the Democratic National Convention, the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the SDS, and the YIPPIES will apparently be in the forefront organizing and participating in demonstrations. They will again be aided and abetted by numerous peace, new-left, student, and hippie groups. The extent of black militant groups participation is not yet predictable but can be expected to be at a higher level than was the case in Chicago.

Organizational and planning activities have been loose and conflicting statements have been surfacing. The items listed below reflect some of the information reported to date.

January 20

The Youth International Party (YIPPIES) announced it will hold a "festival of life" at Washington, D. C., during the Inauguration of the President. Yippies contributed much of the disruptive activity at the Democratic National Convention with their "Festival of Life" there.

January 20

Washington, D. C. - The Administrative Committee of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) met on October 12 and 13 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Approximately forty people attended; including David DELLINGER and Rennie DAVIS, NMC leaders; Sidney PECK, a former member of the Communist Party; and Arnold JOHNSON, a member of the CPUSA national Committee. The Committee decided that there was need for tight security against FBI investigations of anti-riot law violations. A working

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committee was formed to make plans for a demonstration at Washington, D. C., during the Presidential Inauguration.

January 19 and 20

\*Washington, D. C. - On 17 November, the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) met in D. C. to consider demonstrations during the Presidential Inaugural. The seventy delegates included members of Youth Against War and Fascism (a communist splinter group); SDS; and the Young Socialist Alliance (youth section of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party). Voting Against disrupting the official inaugural ceremonies, they did decide to demonstrate on both the 19th and the 20th. Committees and plans were to be formed later.

January 20

Rennie DAVIS, NMC leader, recently announced to anti-war protestors that there would be a "massive convergence" of protestors in Washington on Inauguration Day.

January 19

\*Washington, D. C. - To avoid a physical confrontation with police, peace groups will hold a counter-inauguration rally the day before NIXON is inaugurated, according to an anti-war spokesman. The rally will be to voice alarm against a continuance by the new administration of President Johnson's foreign policy with regard to Vietnam.

January 19

\*Washington, D. C. - The Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam has indicated plans are in the making for a "march on Washington" on the 19th instead of the 20th because it is hoped more will participate on Sunday. Upwards of 150,000 are allegedly expected including a "lot of black people." Committees are being set up all over the country to get people to join the demonstration and to raise money.

January 20

\*Washington, D. C. - Asserting its independence from the national governing board, the George Washington University chapter of SDS has decided to plan its own activities for Inaugural Day demonstrations. The chapter membership concluded at a meeting November 14 that a police confrontation will be inevitable because there will be no way of controlling the action of the expected 50,000 demonstrators. Discussion centered around whether President-elect NIXON or the entire electoral system should be the object of protest. The prevailing feeling seemed to be that the demonstrations must be backed by specific ideological contentions. Membership was split between groups favoring direct police confrontation and those opposing it. The majority appeared to be of the latter bent and it was this desire coupled with the feeling that the national leaders will favor confrontation which led the George Washington University chapter to leave itself independent of national policy.